

Chapter 19.370***Recreation Facilities – Commercial (Billiard Parlors and Pool Halls)*****19.370.010 Purpose**

The purpose of regulating billiard parlors and pool halls is to ensure compatibility of such uses with surrounding uses and properties and to avoid any impacts associated with such uses.

19.370.020 Applicability and Permit Requirements

Recreational facilities, as defined in Article X (Definitions), are permitted as set forth in Article V, Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions, subject to the requirements contained in this Chapter and shall comply with all provisions of [Chapter 5.28](#), Poolrooms, of the Riverside Municipal Code.

19.370.030 Site Location, Operation and Development Standards

The standards set forth in Article V, Base Zones and Related Use and Development Provisions, shall apply to billiard parlors and pool halls, unless otherwise specified here.

A. Site Location Standards

Any billiard parlor or pool hall shall only be established, located, or operated where permitted only within the ascribed distances of the certain specified land uses or zones set forth here. These distances shall be measured from the closest point upon the outside walls of the building containing the billiard parlor or pool hall to the nearest point upon the outside walls or property lines of the building or property of concern.

1. The business shall not be located within 600 feet of any school (pre-school through twelfth grade), assemblies of people – non-entertainment, or park, as measured from the property line, except in the Downtown Arts and Entertainment District, as defined in Article X (Definitions), where the 600-foot distance restriction does not apply. However, in the Downtown Arts and Entertainment District, the Zoning Administrator shall consider distances from the above-listed uses for the purpose of achieving compatibility of the business with neighboring uses as part of the review process.
2. The business shall not be located within 100 feet of any residential dwelling unit or residential zone, as measured from the property line. This provision shall not be mandatory with regard to residential uses that are a part of a mixed-use zone or mixed-use project.

- B. At all times, each billiard parlor or pool hall operator shall maintain adult attendants on the premises, the number of which shall be set forth in the approved discretionary permit.

- C. Each billiard parlor or pool hall shall prohibit persons 17 years of age and under from using any of the facilities prior to 8:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m.
- D. Hours of operation shall be determined based upon the sensitivity of the area surrounding the proposed billiard parlor during the approval of the discretionary permit.
- E. Signage informing the public of the prohibition on the use of drugs, smoking, loud conduct, age restrictions, and the hours of operation shall be posted and plainly visible to customers within the establishment in at least two locations.
- F. Billiard parlors and pool halls that have been authorized to serve alcoholic beverages shall enforce a customer dress code, which at a minimum shall prohibit gang-related attire. The dress code shall be posted at all public entrances.
- G. Any and all forms of gambling are prohibited.
- H. Soundproofing shall be provided sufficient to prevent noise and vibrations from penetrating into surrounding properties or building lease spaces.

19.370.040 Variances

Variances may be granted from the provisions of Section 19.370.030 above based upon careful review of unique circumstances that may apply to a particular use. Any such variance request shall increase the property notification requirement from a 300-foot radius to a 1,000-foot radius from the subject property.

19.370.050 Security Regulations

A security plan shall be submitted for review and approval by the Police Department as a part of the discretionary permit application demonstrating and committing to the provision of adequate on-site security.